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MIDDLETOWN, DELAWARE, SATURDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 30, 1911.

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Fancy and Staple Groceries
FRESH AND SALT MEATS
Try Heldmyer's Half Smokes
If not as good as you have ever eaten, come back and get your money.

Our Own Make of Fresh Sausage a Specialty
HIGHEST CASH PRICES PAID FOR FRESH EGGS.
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Price \$55.00
Complete with water front or reservoir.

The manufacturers of this range claim it would not be possible to build a better range with a million dollars and a million men. A mighty big claim, but we believe it after five years' experience in selling and using it. The users of this range have the satisfaction of knowing they have the best. There are other good ranges made, but none the equal of the Steel Dockash; it is in a class by itself.

We have a full line of Ranges, Double Heaters, Air-tight, etc. Repairs for all makes of stoves.

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Middletown, Delaware



Look Here Gentlemen!

You may now step into this store and select any Suit or Overcoat you want value up to \$22.50 for **\$9.99**
Absolutely none reserved

No finer clothes were ever made than these. Some of the very best of the season's styles and fabrics still remain from which you can choose (see windows)

All Suits and Overcoats worth up to \$22.50	\$9.99
All Suits and Overcoats worth up to \$20.00	\$9.48
All Suits and Overcoats worth up to \$16.50	\$8.90
All Suits and Overcoats worth up to \$13.50	\$7.90

We Positively Refuse

to carry any garments over into next season. We will not deviate from our fixed policy of selling every garment in the season for which it was bought.

Drop in and get introduced to the best clothes values in town

The Globe Clothing Store

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Middletown,

Delaware

WHAT ABOUT THAT JOB OF

Plumbing

Call and let me give you an estimate before you give your order. I am in a position to give you the very best materials in all branches of the plumbing trade. All work guaranteed to be satisfactory. I can do your

PLUMBING, STEAM FITTING, Pump and Well Work

Or furnish you with a "BUTLER" Wind Mill or Hay Track on short notice. If you need anything in my line, a postcard will bring me to your home.

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MIDDLETOWN, DELAWARE

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Middletown, Delaware

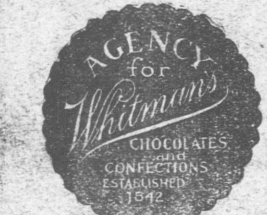
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WHOLESALE AND RETAIL DEALER IN

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REPAIRS
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MIDDLETOWN, DEL.

NOTICE!

The Stockholders of the New Castle County National Bank, of Odessa, are requested to meet at their Banking House, in Odessa, Del., on WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3d, 1912, between the hours of 10 and 11 o'clock A. M., to take into consideration and vote upon the following amendment to the Articles of Association: RESOLVED, That the words "NINE DIRECTORS" in Section 3, of the above Articles of Association be stricken out, and that the words "NOT LESS THAN SEVEN NOR MORE THAN TWELVE DIRECTORS" be inserted in lieu thereof. By Order of the Board of Directors, Jos. G. Brown, Cashier, Odessa, Del., December 1st, 1911.

THE CARE OF ALUMINUM

As every one knows, aluminum has, as a kitchen utensil, many points to its favor. It is light and easy to handle, and, being solid metal, it cannot chip and scale off as agate and porcelain lined kettles do. The food in it heats quickly and remains hot a good length of time. Manufacturers say that nothing in an aluminum utensil can burn on the bottom with serious injury to the metal, but that depends on how it is cleaned. One cannot heat a burned aluminum kettle like an ordinary utensil in the same condition. It cannot be filled with hot suds prepared from ordinary soap powder and boiling water and then allowed to stand on the back of stove, as alkali discolors and injures aluminum. The suds should be prepared from soap containing very little alkali. Let the vessel soak until the food is loosened and then scour with brick dust, fine sand, emery powder or some good sand soap or polishing powder. Do not scrape the utensil with a knife or other sharp instrument.

Do not attempt to give these kettles an extra shine with salt and vinegar, which is so good as a polish for some of the other kitchen utensils. Instead, use any good scouring material that is not full of alkali. The outside surface, which is brighter and finer than the inner surface, may be rubbed with sand soap of good quality, providing it is not gritty. Ann oia and lye should be avoided in the cleansing of aluminum kettles.

LET HIM INTO A SECRET

A prominent member of the London Stock Exchange was a man who enjoyed his wife and always took great care of it when he happened to pick up a choice vintage. While living in a fashionable quarter of the west end he chanced to buy a large cask of very fine old port, which he placed at the extreme end of the cellar, and to make perfectly sure that it should not be touched he had a wall built across the cellar and so closed it in. It was about a year or two later that one evening he accepted an invitation to dine with his next door neighbor when the latter brought out some very fine old port. Several glasses having been drunk, the man of stocks and shares asked his host where he could get some port like it. "Well, old fellow," returned the other, "I will let you into a secret. I was having some alterations made in my cellar lately when we discovered that some old fool who lived in this house before me had built a wall round a large cask of port and forgotten all about it. This is some of it, but I am afraid there isn't much left."

POTATOES IMPORTANT

The Long Island potato trust received a shock on Tuesday when 1,500 tons of Scotch potatoes, that came over on the steamship California, of the Anchor Line, were unloaded and thrown on the market. On this cargo the government will collect about \$750 in duty, the rate being 70 cents a barrel of three bushels. Since the rise in price of American potatoes, the vessels of the Anchor Line have been called upon to bring from Scotland as many potatoes as they can carry and this importation will continue until the local dealers are forced to reduce their rates. The Scotch potato is considered equal in value to the American. Every freight carrying vessel of the line will from now on bring many tons and it is believed that this will materially relieve the high market, due to the work of a local monopoly which regulates prices, regardless of production.

ETSATE of Gideon E. Hukill, deceased

Notice is hereby given that Letters of Administration upon the Estate of Gideon E. Hukill, late of St. Georges Hundred, deceased, were duly granted unto Margaret W. Hukill, on the 3d day of November, A. D. 1911, and all persons indebted to the said deceased are requested to make payment to the Administratrix without delay, and all persons having demands against the deceased are required to exhibit and present the same duly probated to the said Administratrix on or before the 3d day of November A. D. 1912, or abide by the law in this behalf. Address: Martin B. Burris, Esq., Attorney-at-Law, Middletown, Del. MARGARET W. HUKILL, Administratrix.

Now is the Time to Buy

And an inspection of these properties will make you seriously consider.

No. 580 130 acres at Quaker Neck Whf. 125 in cultivation, balance in timber, apple and pear orchard, meadow, good soil, fair fencing, near school, church and stores, 6 miles to Chestertown, 8 room frame house, porch, good condition, stable, barn, carriage house, etc., shade, excellent well of water. Directly on Chester river. Cheap at \$7,500.

No. 578 131 acres, Broad Neck, Kent County, 108 clear, balance in timber, apple and pear orchard, 6 room frame house, tenant house of 5 rooms, stable, barn and carriage house, shade, good soil, good water, near school, church and stores. \$4,000.

J. WATERS RUSSELL
REAL ESTATE BROKER
Chestertown Maryland.

DELAWARE COLLEGE

Newark, Delaware
Reopen September 14th, 1911

Entrance Examinations, Friday and Saturday, June 23 and 24, and Tuesday and Wednesday, September 12 and 13. For Catalogue and other information write to

GEO. A. HARTER
President.

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JOB WORK
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BRIEF NEWS ITEMS OF THE

Joseph Daley, of near Fenwick Island, has been appointed second assistant keeper of Cape Henlopen lighthouse.

Many horses are dying in and about Middletown as the result of eating moldy corn.

Mr. and Mrs. Selden S. Deemer made over 400 New Castle children happy Christmas when they presented to the little ones candies, nuts, oranges, apples and a toy, some of the really poor receiving clothing in addition.

Lewis Clark, colored, of Perryville, in the Elkton jail, charged with attempting to take the life of Clifford Clark, colored.

While playing Santa Claus at a family gathering in Gumbor, Richard Wilson was badly burned about the hands and face when his cotton whiskers caught fire from a candle on the Christmas tree.

Friends of ex-secretary of State Joseph L. Cahall, of Georgetown, have announced him as a candidate for the Congress nomination on the Republican ticket to succeed William Hald, of Wilmington.

Newark insurance agents who write automobile insurance did a land office business for a short time, following a fire in the new garage of A. Frank Fader.

A trolley car to shelter waiting patrons has been placed at the intersection of the Wilmington & Southern and the Delaware City trolley lines at Seventh and South streets, at New Castle.

Lynn Perry, secretary of the firm of Houston, Perry & Co., Seaford, has resigned. Being succeeded by Morris Perry.

Thrusting her hand through a window pane, Mrs. Fannie Palmer, of New Castle, severed arteries in the wrist and in the arm.

Harold Hatfield, a small boy of Georgetown, fell from an iron rail at the High School, and was badly injured about the back and head.

Cecil county Circuit Court adjourned Friday until January 2.

Edward Megginson, a farmer of New Castle, was seriously injured by being kicked in the groin by a colt.

Accidentally discharging a Flobert rifle Charles Dolery, of New Castle, shot himself through his left foot.

Six colored men were arraigned before Major Steele, of Georgetown, and fined for being drunk and disorderly.

The finest Christmas present received in Georgetown, was a \$500 silver tea set presented to Mrs. Andrew Lynch by her husband.

A 200-ton barge was launched at the new plant of the Henry Deibert Barge Building Company at Chesapeake City Tuesday.

Georgetown's annual ball, which is recognized as one of the important social functions of lower Delaware, will be held New Year's Eve.

A horse for which Thomas Appleby, of New Castle, recently refused \$200, was killed by a train Christmas morning.

The first New Year's watch meeting in the New Castle Methodist Church in several years will be held on Sunday evening.

Midland Grange, of Georgetown, has elected Lee Pepper worthy master and has decided to hold extra evening session twice a month.

Charles Weinger, a Camden, N. J., visitor at New Castle, was stricken with vertigo and in his fall sustained a bad laceration of the head.

Thieves broke into the tailoring establishment of Harris Kaplan, under the Vostell House, Chestertown, and stole a lot of clothes and other valuables.

Dr. John H. Jaunar, of Elkton, has received a telegram from Chicago, announcing the death of his sister, Mrs. Richard H. May, formerly of Elkton.

W. Bradford Cooper, who was recently elected one of the Judges of Orphans' Court for Kent county, has refused to resign as School Commissioner, notwithstanding Governor Crothers has named William F. Russell to fill the vacancy.

Falling from a scaffold while painting a house in North East W. D. Caslette, a painter, sustained painful injuries.

Charged with being disorderly, William Taylor paid \$10 into the treasury of Rising Sun.

The gunning season for partridges, rabbits and squirrels in Cecil county expired Saturday.

New Stamps

The Postoffice Department has begun the distribution to every post office in the United States of the newly designed registry stamps. The stamps are intended to take the place of the ordinary postage stamps to the value of ten cents. They are identical in size with the postage stamp, but are decidedly different in design. The new stamp carries in its center the picture of an eagle perched on a branch. The stamps are blue in color and cent denominations only.

Public Sale

The undersigned, intending to give up the practice of general medicine and move to Wilmington, will sell at his home in Middletown, Delaware.

Thursday, JAN. 11th, '12

At 10:30 o'clock, A. M., The following property: A 1911 Model E. M. F. 5 passenger Touring Car, with Top and Windshield, Gas Tank, Large Tool Box, Extra Wheel, Tire Holders, Wheel Pulver, Magneto Cover, Tire Chains, new; Valve Grinders, 1 extra Shoe, used only two days; 2 extra lower Tubes, 1 Spare Rim and several other extra tools and fixtures. Entire car in best of condition. Acknowledged by everybody to be the quietest and easiest running engine of any car in the neighborhood. This car has all the late 1911 improvements.

Four Horses

No. 1—GARRETT, brown horse, 15 years old. Everybody knows him. Large fearless, fine looking and can show a little foot, yet any woman can drive him, would make an excellent family horse. No. 2—BEN, 14 years old. A man's horse. Strong, fearless, an all day driving horse. No. 3—STAR, 5 years old. Sired by Torino. Has had only four months road work. Good driver and will work at anything. No. 4—DEWEY, 5 years old, brown horse. Fine Driver. Fearless.

Carriages and Harness

One Double Carriage, in first-class condition; 1 York Carriage, with extra set of wheels, in fair condition; 1 Sleigh, newly painted and in best of condition, with both shafts and pole; 1 Fancy Carriage Pole and one Cheap Pole. One high grade set of Double Harness, Collars and Hames. This set of harness was made to order and has never been used but three times except the collars, hames and traces and they used but little; 1 set of Double Breast Strap Harness, in fair condition; 1 set of Single Harness of extra quality, russet lines, used only about a dozen times; 1 set of Single harness, in fair condition; lots of odds and ends usually found about a stable.

Special

One Buffalo Robe, 6 ft. square, heavily lined. This is the heaviest robe I have ever seen and is in first class condition. Be prepared to bid high for this robe.

Household Goods

One Blaine Piano, in the very best of condition, has never been out of the room into which the Blaine firm delivered it. See it. One Solid Oak Dining room set, of Sideboard, large Table and 8 strong Chairs. One Spear Range, in excellent condition, a fine baker; 1 Bodied Brussels Dining room Rng. 9x12 ft. 1 Library Axminster Rug, 12x14 ft.; 2 Bed-room Rugs, 1 Bed-room Axminster Carpet, several smaller Rugs, all in good condition; several Rocking Chairs, several Chairs of various styles; several Tables, 5 Porch Rockers, Kitchen Tables and Chairs and various other articles.

The Household Goods will be sold first.

TERMS OF SALE

On all sums of \$25.00 and under, Cash; all sums over \$25.00 a credit of Nine (9) Months will be given by the purchaser giving a bankable note with approved security, interest added from day of sale. No goods to be removed until conditions of sale are complied with.

DR. CHAS. A. RITCHIE.

D. P. HUTCHISON, Auctioneer.

Public Sale

A CARLOAD OF Missouri MULES



These are extra fine, young well broken mules from four to six years old, and from 14 1/2 to 16 1/2 hands high. Will weigh from 900 to 1200 pounds. We have sold over seventeen car loads of mules and have never had to stop a sale or had a buy bidder. Come on boys, lets have a sale. They will be sold for the high dollar at J. Z. CROSLAND'S STABLES, Middletown Hotel, in Middletown, Del.,

Saturday, JAN. 6, '12

AT 10 O'CLOCK P. M.

Rain or Shine. This will be the best carload of mules ever sold on the Peninsula.

Terms of Sale

A credit of Eight (8) Months will be given by the purchaser giving a bankable note with approved security, interest added from day of sale.

THOS. S. JOHNSON.

D. P. HUTCHISON, Auctioneer.

WANTED!

Twenty more boys and girls to help us—two from your town. If you answer this quickly—a postal will do—you can be one of them. If you want Christmas money or prizes here's your chance to get them.

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Corn, bunions, ingrowing nails or any afflictions of the feet antiseptically and painlessly treated by graduate chiropodist. Also Shampooing, Manicuring and Scalp Treatment. Hair combings made up in the latest style.

HIGH STREET, ODESSA, DEL.

NOTICE—DIVIDEND

THE PEOPLE'S NATIONAL BANK OF MIDDLETOWN.

Middletown, Del., Dec. 23, 1911.

The Board of Directors have this day declared a dividend of THREE (3) PER CENT for the last six months, payable on and after January 1st, 1912.

G. D. KELLEY, Cashier.

William B. Kates

Wholesale and Retail Manufacturer of Ice Cream, Water Ice

ALL FLAVORS

Deliveries constantly on hand.

Seasons in Season

DELEWARE, DEL.

Hadn't you better haul your feed while the road are hard

We may have a blizzard any time now and make hauling almost impossible. Besides, feed prices are going up all the time and you will not be able to buy as cheap after January 1st as you can now.

Present prices are:

Cotton Seed Meal \$34.00
Boveta Hull and Meal Mixture 26.00
Bran 29.50
Sucrene Dairy Feed 28.50
Sucrene Horse and Mule Feed 31.00
Blatchford's Calf Meal 4 1-2c per lb.

to outside people.

A discount of \$1.00 to \$3.00 per ton to milk patrons.

Middletown Farms, Inc.

ALWAYS IN THE LEAD

The J. E. Baker Co. Now offers for Sale Victor Fine Ground Limestone

The Best Way to Lime

The United States Government and the Pennsylvania Agricultural Experimental Stations are now recommending finely Ground Limestone as the best way of applying Lime to the soil. It does not destroy manure, there is no danger of burning your crops, it keeps for years, and can be applied at any time, or season.

Easiest and Cheapest to Use

Comes packed in canvas bags or paper bags. Can be easily handled, and kept in storage indefinitely, without change or loss. No more laborious slaking, no more choking dust, nor scalding burns. Can be drilled into the soil or sowed on the surface and harrowed in. Saves half the cost of the old way of applying Lime. Is cheaper and better.

GIVES MAXIMUM RESULTS

It has been proved that very finely Ground Limestone produces as a fertilizer the same results pound for pound as air slaked Lime, or any other commercial fertilizer, and because VICTOR fine Ground Limestone is the purest, most finely ground Limestone on the market and because it destroys no manure or crop, it gives much better results than any other burned or hydrated Lime made.

See your Local Agent or write.

J. E. Baker Company

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Fine Groceries, Flour of all Grades, Select Teas,

Pure coffees and Spices.

Butter and Cheese from the best dairies.

Choice Syrups and Molasses.

Foreign and Domestic Fruits, Can Fruits and Vegetables.

Also a complete assortment of goods usually kept in a first class store. We have our new 1912 Wall Paper now in for your inspections

Don't forget our Dry Goods, Notions, Window Shades, Linoleum, Oil Cloth etc.

Goods delivered promptly, free of expence.

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You Will Endorse

OUR SAVINGS BANK

BECAUSE OUR FINANCIAL condition is satisfactory in every way. We guarantee you security on all your deposits. Why don't you open

A SAVINGS ACCOUNT

With us? One dollar will be sufficient to start you in the right direction. If you get the habit of depositing, as most all do, you'll soon have a goodly amount to your credit.

We Pay 4 Per Cent. on Savings DEPOSITS RECEIVED BY MAIL.

Newark Trust & Safe Deposit Company

Newark, Delaware

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BARGAIN SALE

WE are quitting the sale of House Furnishing Goods,

and in order to clean up all the goods of that kind

now on hand, we have cut the price to ONE-HALF

and to ONE-THIRD—mostly to ONE-THIRD—which is of

course much below original cost wholesale of these articles.

We wish to get them out of the way for our other goods.

If you want to get any of these useful HOUSEHOLD

THINGS for 1-3 the usual price, come at once, as we have

already sold quite a number of them to customers to whom

we casually spoke of our intended sale. Experience has

taught some of our customers that in such cases it will not

do to delay, as the number of these articles is limited and

will not be replaced, once we are out of them. See our list

below.

House Furnishings at 1-3 Value

Blue and White Agate Tea Kettles, 6 quarts, Old Price	75c,	Reduced Price	25c
" " " " Sauce Pans, " " "	50c,	" "	25c
" " " " Pudding Pans " " "	50c " "	" "	25c
" " " " Coffee Pots, 2 quarts, " " "	50c " "	" "	25c
Iron Skillets " " "	45c " "	" "	23c
Iron Skillets " " "	25c " "	" "	10c
Milk Buckets, 2 quarts " " "	25c " "	" "	15c
Agate Double Boilers " " "	50c " "	" "	25c
" Pudding Pans " " "	50c " "	" "	25c
" Cullenders " " "	25c " "	" "	15c
" Buckets " " "	25c " "	" "	15c
" Sauce Pans " " "	25c " "	" "	15c
Galvanized Buckets " " "	40c " "	" "	25c
Cake Turners " " "	10c " "	" "	5c
Bread Toasters " " "	10c " "	" "	5c
Jumble Pans " " "	10c " "	" "	6c
Asbestos Mats " " "	8c " "	" "	5c
Wood Rat Traps " " "	10c " "	" "	5c
Match Scratchers " " "	10c " "	" "	5c
Steak Broilers " " "	15c " "	" "	5c
Sink Cleaners " " "	10c " "	" "	5c
Ironing Wax " " "	2c " "	" 6 for	5c
Coffee Strainer " " "	" " "	" "	3c
Egg Beaters " " "	" " "	" "	3c
" " " " " " "	15c " "	" "	5c
Tack Pullers " " "	10c " "	" "	3c
Sugar Spoons " " "	10c " "	" "	5c
Butter Knives " " "	10c " "	" "	5c
Tin Mouse Traps " " "	10c " "	" "	5c
Colgate Soap Cakes " " "	10c " "	" "	5c
Agate Spoons " " "	10c " "	" "	5c
" Tin Cups " " "	10c " "	" "	5c
Glass Dishes " " "	25c " "	" "	10c
" Vases " " "	10c " "	" "	5c
" " " " " " "	25c " "	" "	10c
Wood Salt Boxes " " "	15c " "	" "	10c
Lemon Squeezers " " "	10c " "	" "	5c
Mission Finished Pictures " " "	19c " "	" "	10c
Whisk Brooms " " "	15c " "	" "	10c
Agate Wash Basins " " "	15c " "	" "	10c
Tin " " " " " " "	15c " "	" "	10c
Saws " " "	50c " "	" "	25c
Stove Pokers " " "	15c " "	" "	10c
Coal Shovels " " "	15c " "	" "	10c
Comb and Brush Rack " " "	25c " "	" "	10c

And various other Household Articles our space is too limited to mention.

That \$10.00 Prize Doll

We are happy to say that no old bachelor drew the \$10.00 Prize Doll after all. The lucky holder of the winning ticket was Catherine Townsend, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George L. Townsend, of Middletown.

The drawing was done as follows: Messrs. Fouracre and Wright each thoroughly mixed the 372 tickets in a large box and then had a small colored boy blind-folded put in his hand three times, and pick out three tickets, of which it had been agreed that the third should be the winner. The number of the third ticket was 352, held by little Catherine.

Fogel & Burstan

Department Store

Cor. Broad and Main Streets

Middletown, - - - Delaware

Guaranteed Roofing!

While you are about it, put on a good roof,

one that you won't have to be painting and fussing with every little while to keep it in proper condition. Get the guaranteed, trouble-proof roofing—

and One ply 5 years and it is the only roofing made backed so liberally.

It's easy to lay, costs little and gives long and faithful service.

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WANTED—20 Car Loads of Straw. Good prices paid for same. S. F. BOARD.

FOR SALE—Oyster Shells by the bushel or load.

Wagons and Dearborns for sale.

Use "Crystaloid Dairy Feed." Analysis guaranteed at

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The highest cash prices paid for hides of all kinds.

SHIVERS MEAT MARKET

FOR SALE—Rhode Island Red and Barred Rock Cockerals.

Mrs. G. B. W. RHOADES

FOR RENT—House on East Main street possession given March 25th.

Apply to Mrs. H. V. PARVIS.

HIDES WANTED—The highest cash prices paid for horse and cow hides.

W. C. JONES.

FOR RENT—House on East Main street. Possession given March 25th 1912.

Apply to Mrs. G. W. W. NAUDAIN

Chickens, Eggs, and everything usually found in an up-to-date meat market.

SHIVERS MEAT MARKET

FOR SALE—A few choice White Rock Cockerals. Apply to

S. F. SHALLCROSS

Odessa, Del.

FOR SALE—A thoroughbred Holstein Bull, 2 years old.

C. M. C. CHURCH

Middletown, Del.

Do not neglect your teeth. A little attention now may save you much pain and expense in the future.

Dr. J. ALLEN JOHNSON,

Middletown, Del.

WANTED—A farm on third. Have my own help, and can furnish best of reference. Address: CHARLES NORTH

Hockessin, Del.

FOR SALE—About 500 telephone poles running in length from 25 to 45 feet, also white oak piling.

Geo. W. HURD,

McDonough, Del.

HIGH GRADE LEHIGH COAL, all sizes ALWAYS in stock and under cover. Guaranteed free from dirt. Oak Wood to fit the stove. Phone 5 and 48.

JESSE L. SHEPHERD.

HORSES CLIPPED—I wish to inform the public that I am prepared to clip horses in an up-to-date manner on short notice.

Middletown Hotel Stables.

The Christmas music of the Presbyterian Church which was so highly appreciated on last Sunday will be repeated on to-morrow (Sunday) at both services. All cordially invited.

After October first, the library hours will be: Tuesdays, 3.30 to 5; Fridays, 7 to 8.30; Saturdays 3 to 5. The library will be open on Tuesday evenings for school children exclusively.

Uncollected Letters—The following list of letters remains uncollected in the post office for the week ending Dec. 21st.

Mrs. Kate Little, Mr. John Vanhorn, Mr. William Drain, Rev. John Walsh.

Armstrong's Chapel Sunday School held their annual Christmas treat on Thursday afternoon, when all the scholars were treated to ice cream, cake candies and fruit. The attendance was large and a most enjoyable time spent.

The Referendum League of Delaware has written Mr. M. N. Willis in reference to arranging a date for the latter part of January, when Senator Clapp will speak in the local Opera House. If arrangements can be completed the people of this vicinity will have an opportunity of hearing this much talked of question ably discussed.

I want to thank the good citizens of Middletown for the liberal patronage of my "New Candy Kitchen," although but a short time in business among you, the large receipts I have met assure me of a large future success in my new venture, in your town, as a manufacturer of high grade candies of all sorts. Wishing you all a Happy New Year I respectfully solicit a continuance of your generous patronage in the future.

TOMPKY'S Candy Kitchen.

GUEST NIGHT AT THE CLUB

The "Guest Night" at the New Century Club proved to be a very decided success, notwithstanding the stormy weather.

The attendance was rather small, but as often happens, the small crowd had a fine time. An interesting program had been prepared by the president, Mrs. Brady.

A "Drawing Contest" proved to be very amusing, though some of the contestants had to write on the blackboard the name of the animal they had drawn.

Miss Eliza Green's mouse was said to be the most artistic piece of work. The guessing contest, when the guests guessed the names of books from pictures, was very interesting.

Miss Blanche Eliason, of Mt. Pleasant, and Miss Elizabeth Collins, of New York, gave delightful instrumental music, and Mr. Frederick Brady entertained with a "talking machine" at one time giving a whole musical show.

Among those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Martin B. Burris, Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Brady, Mrs. Richard Cochran, Mrs. George Derrickson, Mrs. Richard L. Naudain, Mrs. A. A. Green, Mrs. C. A. Hoffer, Mrs. J. C. Green, Mrs. Harry Embree, Mrs. S. S. Holten, Mrs. Harry Kelley, Mrs. William Green, Mrs. J. Allen Johnson, Mrs. T. E. Lindley, Mrs. Duval Gibbs, Misses M. A. Naudain, Mrs. Clara Lockwood, Eugenia Shephard, Mary Rothwell, Eugenia Shephard, Blanche Eliason, Clara Paxson, Elizabeth Collins, Agnes Cochran, Rex. Vaughan S. Collins, William E. Wright and John J. Hoffer, Jr.

and all the merchants of Middle-

town are jubilating over their long-

time holiday trade. "Buyers" were

numerous and they "bought the moon" too.

They have the goods now, and our town

tradesmen "have the moon." But it was

a fair exchange and no robbery, and every-

body is pleased. One merchant reports

his store was jammed with custo-

mers, and that though he had all the

clerks he tore would hold, as many as a

dozen people left the store without being

waited upon—they just could not serve

them! And this was true of our larger

stores as well.

Although the weather had been bad

for business for several days—wet and

stormy on Saturday—Jude pluv. withheld

his watering pot, and old Boreas was tied

up and a select lot of balmy airs, with sun-

shine and light, turned loose to invite and

coax customers in our town and for many

miles around it, to come and buy them-

selves rich. And they did.

Then too, this pleasant result, is a tri-

bute to the sovereign, fertilizing prop-

erties of "printer's ink." Gentlemen,

this is the age of advertising. The busi-

ness man who advertises, gets the trade

whether he deserves it or not; and the more

reason why the dealer who has the

first class wares, should let the buying

world know of it. Another thing—

Middletown has become even more than

at present, a distributing trade center for

many miles around; and if mer-

chants only realized how much their busi-

ness would be advanced, and the pros-

perity of the whole town increased, if on

sidewalks were properly paved they would

not suffer the present disgraceful condi-

tion to exist a week.

Our pavements right on our two prin-

cipal streets, are in a shameful condi-

tion. We are surprised that our New Town

Board (who have done so well giving

some fine broad crossings in place of the

single broken, submerged affairs of years

back), will not also remedy this nuisance,

which hurls business, annoys all the citi-

zens, and gives a bad impression to every-

one entering the town.

Many of our enterprising citizens on

residence streets have put fine concrete

pavements etc., in front of their homes, and

it is not fair that they should have

through slop and rain and stumble over

sunken bricks on Main and Broad streets

every time they go to and from home.

Many of our worn out paves are over

25 and 30 years old, and THE TRAN-

SCRIPT calls upon the Town Board to do

something to abate this public nuisance.

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MAD DOGS AGAIN

The serious character of last summer's

scourge of rabies, wherein so many dogs

were bitten, several valuable farm

animals killed, and chief H. H. Hillyard

bitten, is shown by the fact that despite

the radical measures finally taken to pre-

vent its spread, after the mad Fuman

dog had infected so many others—over 50

dogs were shot—it has broken out again.

John W. Hayes' dog went mad and bit a

large number of other dogs.

The Town Commissioners merit the

thanks of the community for their

prompt efforts to prevent the spread of

this awful peril, which exists despite the

astute denial of cranks in the face of

science and the experience of mankind.

They have revived the muzzling law of

last summer, and for 30 days from Dec-

ember 26th all dogs must be muzzled

when on the streets, under penalty of

being seized and impounded, and if not

redeemed by payment of a fine of 50 cents

of being shot. Eight dogs, several of them

pet animals of some value, have already

been killed.

About 24 persons have been treated by

our own State Pasteur Institute, this year,

for hydrophobia—this "rare, unheard of

disease." The plague of rabies has been

troubling the towns south of us, and

Middletown has just passed through its

worst visitation and is threatened with

another. But Middletown's citizens do

not set a higher valuation upon the life of

a cur than that of a human being.

The reports from the government show a

big increase in rabies in the United States

and yet, if the same methods used in

Germany and England were it was

finally stamped out, be followed here in

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WARWICK

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with her parents Rev. and Mrs. G. J.

Hill.

Mrs. S. E. Gunkel and Mrs. Josephine

Wilson spent Wednesday with Mrs. J. R.

H. Price.

The Christmas entertainment which

that I can assure you, you made a deep impression. There are times when I am almost jealous of you. "But," I protested, my heart beating rapidly, "I met several that evening, and you have mentioned no name."

"Well, to me it chances there is but one worthy of mention," he said earnestly, "and that one is Celia Minor."

"Miss Minor?" I felt a strange sense of disappointment. "Does she come alone?"

"Most certainly; do you suppose she would expose me in my present weak state to the fascinations of any one else?"

"Oh, so the wind lies in that quarter, does it, old fellow? I congratulate you, I'm sure."

"My recollection of Miss Minor was certainly a most pleasant one, and I recalled to memory the attractive picture of her glossy black hair and flashing brown eyes, yet I felt exceedingly small interest in again meeting her. Indeed I was asleep when she finally entered, and it was the sound of Celia's voice that aroused me and made me conscious of the presence of others."

"I shall share these grapes with my cot-mate over yonder," he said laughingly. "By the way, Celia, his voice sounded strangely familiar to me a short time ago. Just glance over there and see if he is any one you know."

I heard the soft rustle of skirts, and, without a smile, looked up into her dark eyes. There was a sudden start of pleased surprise.

"Why," she exclaimed eagerly, "it is Colonel Curran! Edith, dear, here is the Rebel who pretended to be little Curran's brother."

How the hot blood leaped within my veins at mention of that name; but before I could lift my head she had swept across the narrow aisle, and was standing beside me. Wife, or what, there was that within her eyes which told me a wondrous story. For the instant, in her surprise and agitation, she forgot herself, and lost that marvellous self-restraint which had held us so far apart.

"Captain Wayne!" she cried, and her glowing hands fell instantly upon my gown, where it rested without the coverlet. "You here, and wounded?"

I smiled up at her, feeling now that my injuries were indeed trivial. "Somewhat weakened by loss of blood, Mrs. Brennan, but not dangerously hurt." Then I could not forbear asking softly, "Is it possible you can feel regret over injuries inflicted upon a Rebel?"

Her cheeks flamed, and the audacious words served to recall her to our surroundings.

"Even although I love my country, and sincerely hope for the downfall of her enemies," she answered soberly, "I do not delight in suffering. Were you in that terrible cavalry charge? They tell me scarcely a man among them survived."

"I rode with my regiment," I replied. "I knew it was your regiment—the one upon every lip, and even now men unite in declaring it a sufficient sacrifice, a most gallant deed. You must know I thought in my heart of you when I was told it was the —th Virginia."

"You were there in my eyes, I was as I listened to her, and my heart warmed at this frank confession of her remembrance."

"I am glad you cared sufficiently to remember me," she said gravely, "to hold me thought at such a time. Our hands merely performed the work of the moment, but the necessity has cost me dearly. You are yet at General Lee's headquarters?"

"I am, temporarily, and simply because there has been no opportunity for the movements of the army so hurried as to be able to remain until assured of a permanent rest."

"He was most severely and of course I could not leave her here alone. Indeed, as we depart tomorrow, to remain indefinitely at Minor is, I understand, a disgrace?"

"It is in the foot-hills of the Shenandoah, the valley of the most delightful old Southern town. I passed the summer with a sweet girl, previous to my coming here."

"It proved safe for you?"

"Indeed, yes; everybody says so. I am entirely out of the track of the army, and has completely escaped the small measures. But you, Captain, surely you have already heard?"

"I am suffering upon both sides, surely even you would not be other than true to duty?"

"I think—I respect you."

"I am glad to hear of it. I encourage me greatly. I have done so much of the black night upon the verge of the battle to drive his irritating sting into the hard-earned Federal victory."

"An empty army wagon, the 'U. S. A.' yet conspicuous upon its canvas cover, had been overturned and fired in front of the hospital tent to give light to the riders. Grouped about beneath the trees, and within the glow of the flames, was a picturesque squad of horsemen, hardy, tough-looking fellows the most of them, their clothing an odd mixture of uniforms, but every man heavily armed and admirably equipped for service. Some remained mounted, lounging carelessly in their saddles, but far the larger number were on foot, their bridle-reins wound about their wrists. All alike appeared alert and ready for any emergency. How many composed the party I was unable to judge with accuracy, as they constantly came and went from the shadows beyond the circumference of the fire. As all sounds of firing had ceased, I concluded that the work planned had been already accomplished. Undoubtedly surprised as

was not even under fire. The time was cool and collected again. "I will say good-bye, Lieutenant; doubtless we shall see you at Mountain View so soon as you are able to take the journey. And, Captain Wayne, I trust I shall soon learn of your complete recovery."

My eyes followed them down the long aisle. At the entrance she glanced back, and I lifted my hand. Whether she marked the gesture I do not know, for the next instant both ladies had disappeared without.

The night drew slowly down, and as it darkened, only one miserable lamp shed its dim rays throughout the great tent; nurses moved noiselessly from cot to cot, and I learned something of the nature of my own injuries from the gruff old surgeon who dressed the wound in my chest and refastened the splints along my arm.

It must have been midnight, possibly even later when a number of rapid shots fired outside, the tent aroused me, and I heard many voices shouting, mingled with the tread of horses' feet. The night-watch had already disappeared, and the startled inmates of the tent were in a state of intense confusion. As I lifted myself slightly, dazed by the sudden uproar and eager to learn its cause, the tent flap, which had been lowered to exclude the cold night air, was hastily jerked aside, and a man stepped within, casting one rapid glance about that dim interior. The flaring lamp overhead revealed to me a short, heavy-set figure, clad in a gray uniform.

"No one here need feel alarm," he said quietly. "We are not making war upon the wounded. Are there any Confederates present able to travel?"

A dozen eager voices answered him, and men began to crawl out of their cots onto the floor.

"We can be burdened with no baggage or badly wounded men," he said sternly. "Only those able to travel. No man, you are in too bad shape to travel. Very sorry, my boy, but it can't be done. Only your left arm, you say? Very well, move out in front of you. No, lad, it would be the death of you, for we must ride fast and hard."

He came to a pause a half-dozen cots away from me, and seemed about to retrace his steps. Dim as the light was, I felt convinced I had formerly seen that short figure and stern face with its closely cropped beard.

"Mosby," I called out, resolved to risk his remembrance. "Colonel Mosby, isn't it possible to take me?"

"Who are you?" he questioned sharply, turning in the direction of my voice.

"Wayne," I answered eagerly, "Wayne of the —th Virginia."

In an instant he was standing beside my cot, his eyes filled with anxious interest.

"Philip Wayne, of Charlottesville? You here? Not badly hurt, my boy?"

"Shot and bruised, Colonel, but I'd stand a good deal to get out of this."

"And, by the Eternal, you shall; that is, if you can travel in a wagon. Here, Sims, Thomas, two of you carry this officer out. Take his clothes and all—away now."

The fellows picked me up tenderly, and bore me slowly down the central aisle. Mosby walked beside us as far as the outer opening.

"Put him down there by the fire," he ordered, "until I look over the rest of these chaps and divide the wheat from the chaff."

CHAPTER XXIV.

A Night Ride of the Wounded. It was a wild, rude scene without, yet in its way typical of a little-understood chapter of Civil War. More-over it was one with which I was not in any way unacquainted. Years of cavalry scouting, bearing me beyond the patrol lines of the two great armies, I had frequently brought me into contact with those various independent, irregular forces which, co-operating with us, often rendered most efficient service by preying on the scattered Federal camps and plunging their lines of communication. Seldom risking an engagement in the open, their policy was rather to dash down upon some outpost or poorly guarded wagon train, and retreat with a rapidity rendering pursuit hopeless. It was partly warfare, and appealed to many of the men as a more exciting discipline of regular service. These border rangers would rendezvous under some chosen leader, strike an unexpected blow where weakness had been discovered, then disappear as quickly as they came, oftentimes scattering widely until the call went forth for some fresh assault. It was a service not dissimilar to that performed during the Revolutionary struggle by Sumter and Marion in the Carolinas, and added in the aggregate many a day to the contest of the Confederacy.

Among these wild, rough riders between the lines no leader was more favorably known of our army, nor more dreaded by the enemy, than Mosby. Daring to the point of recklessness, yet wary as a fox, counting opposing numbers nothing when weighed against the advantage of surprise, tireless in saddle, audacious in resource, quick to plan and equally quick to execute, he was always where least expected, and it was seldom he failed to win reward for those who rode at his back. Possessing regular rank in the Confederate Army, making report of his operations to the commander-in-chief, he was a peculiar talent as a partisan leader had won him what was practically an independent command. Knowing him as I did, I was not surprised that he should now have swept suddenly out of the black night upon the verge of the battle to drive his irritating sting into the hard-earned Federal victory.

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CHAPTER XXV.

A Lost Regiment. It was a bright, sunny day in early spring. Biting the road I was traveling. I must have shown my late illness greatly, for the few I met, as I tramped slowly onward, mostly soldiers, gazed at me curiously, as if they mistook me for the ghost of some dead comrade. I do not doubt my pale face, yet bearing the deep lines of pain, with the long, untrimmed hair framing it, and the blood-stained ragged uniform, the same I wore that fateful day of battle, rendered me an object of wonder.

All through those long, weary winter weeks I had been hovering between life and death in an obscure hospital at Richmond. The moment the door was opened to permit of my passing forth into the world again, I sought eagerly to discover the present station of my old comrades in arms, yet could learn only that the cavalry brigade with which I had formerly served was in camp somewhere near Appomattox Court House. On foot and moneyless, I set off alone, my sole anxiety to be once more with friends; and now, at the beginning of the second day, I was already beyond Petersburg, and steadily pushing westward.

As the road swerved slightly to the left, passing through a grove of handsome trees, I came suddenly opposite a large house of imposing aspect. A group of Confederate officers stood in converse beside the gate leading into the open driveway, and as I paused a moment, gazing at them and wondering whom I had better address, I recognized none of the faces fronting me—one among the group turned suddenly, and took a hurried step in my direction, as though despatched upon an errand of importance. He was a tall, slender man, wearing a long gray moustache, and I no longer viewed

him as one of those who had been sent out with despatches. The excitement attendant upon my release had left me the time being utterly forgetful as to the pain of my wounds; so that weakness alone held me to the blanket upon which I had been lying. The night was decidedly chilly, yet I had scarcely begun to feel its discomfort when a man strode forward from out of the nearer group and stood looking down upon me. He was a young fellow, wearing a gray artillery jacket, with high cavalry boots coming above the knees. I noticed his firmly set jaw, and a pearl-handled revolver stuck carelessly in his belt, but observed no symbol of rank about him.

"Is this Captain Wayne?" he asked, not unpleasantly.

I answered by an inclination of the head, and he turned at once toward the others.

"Come, bring three men over here, and carry this officer to the same wagon you did the others," he commanded briefly. "Fix him comfortably, but be in a hurry about it."

They lifted me in the blanket, one holding tightly at either corner, and bore me tenderly out into the night. One of them tripped over a projecting root, and the sudden jar of his stumble shot a spasm of pain through me, which caused me to cry out even through my clenched teeth.

"Pardon me, lads," I panted, ashamed of the weakness, "but it slipped out before I could help it."

"Don't be after a reputation for it, yer honor," returned a rich brogue. "Sure an me feet got so mixed up that I wonder I didn't drop yer entirely."

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He grasped my hand warmly between both his own, and his kindly face lit up instantly with a rare smile. "Captain Wayne, I cannot tell you how greatly I rejoice at your safe return. We certainly owe you an apology for this poor reception, but you were reported as killed in action many months ago. I doubt not Colonel Maitland truly believed he looked upon a ghost when you first accosted him."

For the moment I was unable to speak, so deeply did his words affect me.

"I fear, Captain Wayne," he continued gravely, yet retaining my hand within his own, "that I must bring you sad news."

"Sad news?" Instantly there came to me the thought of my widowed mother. "Not from home, I trust, sir?"

"No," with great tenderness, "your mother, I believe, remains well; yet the words I must speak are nevertheless less sad ones, and must prove a severe shock to you. There is no —th Virginia."

"No —th Virginia?" I echoed, scarce able to comprehend his meaning, "no —th Virginia? I beg you to explain, sir; surely—and I looked about me upon the various uniforms of the service present—"the war has not yet ceased—"we have not surrendered."

"No, my boy," and the old hero reverently bared his gray head in the sunlight, "but the —th Virginia gave itself to the South that day in the Shenandoah."

I must have grown very white, for a young aide sprang hastily forward and passed his arm about me. Yet I scarcely realized the action, for my whole thought was with the dead.

"Do you mean they are all gone?" I questioned, tremblingly, hardly able to grasp the full dread import of such ghastly tidings. "Surely, General Lee, some among them must have come back."

"So few," he responded soberly, his hat still retained in his hand, "so few that we could only scatter them in other commands. But you have not yet fully recovered your strength. You must not remain longer standing here. Major Holmes, will you kindly conduct Captain Wayne to my headquarters, and see that he is furnished with a uniform suitable to his rank. For the present he will serve as extra aide upon my personal staff."

I turned away, the Major leading me as if I had been a child. I walked as a man stunned by some sudden, unexpected blow. When I finally joined the mess upon the following day, clad now in full uniform, I had regained no measure of self-restraint, and with it came likewise the renewal of the military spirit. My welcome proved extremely cordial, and the conversation of the others present soon placed in my possession whatever of incident had occurred since that disastrous day was made to conceal our weakness, nor to disguise the fact that we were making a last desperate stand. It was evident to all that nothing now remained but to fold our tattered battle-flags with honor.

Directly opposite me, at the long and rather splendidly furnished mess-table, was seated a captain of infantry, tall, slender man, wearing a light-colored moustache and goatee. His name, as I gathered from the conversation, was Carlson, and I was considerably surprised at the fixeness with which his eyes were fastened upon me during the earlier part of the meal. Thinking we might have met somewhere before, I ransacked my memory vainly for any recollection which would serve to account for his evident interest in me. Finally, I ventured to ask, as pleasantly as possible:

"Captain Carlson, do I remind you of some one, since you regard me so intently?"

The man instantly flushed all over his fair face at this direct inquiry. "It was not that" (he almost stammered in sudden confusion, speaking quite brokenly), "but, sir, it had come to me that you were..."



"I Was Upon My Feet in an Instant."

"Well," said the Swede, so agitated by the excitement about him he could scarcely find English in which to express himself intelligently, "it was di-vay. I could not insult Captain Vane; oh, no, but it was told to me, and I would have him to know how it was. It was two months ago I go in de flag of truce into de Federal line at Minersville. You know dat time I vos valth for answer ven a Yankee rides oop, an' looks me all ofer like vos a hog. 'Vel,' I say, plain like, 'vo you vant?' He say, 'I heard der vos Red officer come in der lines, an' I rides down to see if he vos der hound vot I wanted to horsevip.' 'Vel,' I say, for it made me much mad, 'maybe you like to horsevip me?' 'No,' he says, laughing, 'it vos a damn pup in der —th Virginia cavalry, named Vane, I am after.' I say, 'Vot has he done?' He says, 'He insult a woman, an' would not fight mit me.'"

He looked about him anxiously to see if we comprehended his words.

"And what did you say?" from a dozen eager voices.

The Swede gazed at them in manifest astonishment.

"I say I knowed nothing about der woman, but if he say dat an officer of der —th Virginia cavalry would not fight mit him he vos a damned liar. I would have hit him, but I vos under der flag of truce."

I reached out my hand to him across the table.

"I thank you, Captain Carlson," I said, "for both your message and your answer. What did this man look like?"

"He vos a pig yellow, mit a black moustache and gray eyes."

"Do you know him?" questioned Maitland.

"His name is Brennan," I answered slowly. "A major in the Federal service. We have already met twice in rough and tumble contests, but the next time it will be with steel."

"Gentlemen," said Maitland at last, gravely, "this is evidently a personal matter with which we have no direct concern. Captain Wayne's reputation is not one to be questioned, either as regards his chivalry toward women or his bravery in arms. I pledge you his early meeting with this major."

They drank the toast standing, and I read in each face before me a frank, soldierly confidence and comradeship which caused my heart to glow.

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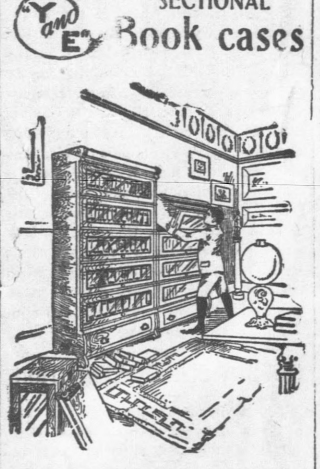
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